

REMARKS

Introduction:

Claims 2, 4, 6-12, 22-29 and 39 were pending in the patent application when an Office Action mailed June 23, 2004 rejected Claims 7-9, and allowed Claims 2,4, 6-10, 22-29, and 35. The Examiner is thanked for indication of allowable subject matter.

By way of this Amendment, and without introducing new matter, the Applicants have cancelled Claims 7-9. Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendment, reconsideration, and allowance of all claims pending in this patent application.

Rejection of Claims 1, 3, 7, 8 and 9 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b):

The Office Action rejected Claims 7-9 as being anticipated by Batten et al., Curtis or Green. Claims 7-9 have been cancelled without prejudice.

Allowable Subject Matter:

Claims 2,4, 6-10, 22-29, and 35 are allowed. The Examiner is thanked for indication of allowable subject matter.

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Conclusion:

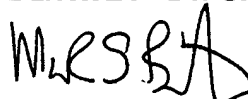
Applicants respectfully submit that all claims remaining in this patent application are in condition for allowance. All of the pending claims are patentable over the cited references.

Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendment, and reconsideration and allowance of all claims remaining in this patent application.

If the Examiner has questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicants attorney listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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